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In re Application of: RICHARD BLACKMORE :  
Application No.: 10/559,601 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/US04/17794 : COMMUNICATION  
Int. Filing Date: 04 June 2004 :  
Priority Date Claimed: 04 June 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No.: V-046 :  
For: A Method and Apparatus of Curing  
Concrete Structures

This application is before the Office Of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

**BACKGROUND**

On 04 June 2004, Applicant filed international application PCT/US04/17794, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 04 June 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 05 December 2005 (04 December 2005 falling on a Sunday).

On 02 December 2005, application papers, requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/US04/17794, were submitted by Mr. David McEwing, on behalf of Applicant. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/559,601.

On 05 December 2005, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/US04/17794 were submitted by a representative for Applicant from the law firm of Morris & Amatong, P.C. These papers were assigned U.S. application number 10/559,220.

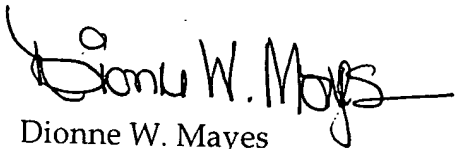
### DISCUSSION

The submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper. Therefore, a power of attorney appointing Mr. David McEwing, P.C. - which will serve as evidence that Applicants have selected said firm for representation during national stage processing under 35 U.S.C. 371 - is required.

### CONCLUSION

The application is being held in the PCT Legal Office to await Applicant's reply. Applicant has TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision within which to provide a proper reply. The time period set forth may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the undersigned at Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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